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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 27, 2002 (Paper No. 14), please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 9, line 22 with the following replacement paragraph:

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All of the absorbency ranges given herein are those as measured by the sygyna test as mandated by the FDA, a description of which is reproduced in the "Test Methods" section, below. Preferably, the tampon 24 of the present invention is of the "junior" absorbency type. This absorbency level is also sometimes referred to as "lites" or "light absorbency." A suitable tampon of this type is manufactured and sold by the Procter & Gamble Company of Cincinnati, Ohio as TAMPAX LITES. Such a tampon may preferably have a basis weight of about 438 g/m², and be constructed from a rectangular absorbent pad comprising 100% cotton. The pad may have an initial length of about 76 mm, and an initial width of about 45 mm prior to compression. The absorbent pad is compressed to its final form, such as that shown in FIG. 4 by temperature and pressure using techniques that are well known in the art.

Immediately after the paragraph which ends on Page 15, line 20, please insert the following text as a new section: